

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A slide fastener comprising;

a resin stopper portion provided adjacent to an end portion of fastener elements and welded to a fastener tape,

the stopper portion comprising an upper leg portion and a lower leg portion which sandwich a side edge of the fastener tape from above and below, and a bent portion which connects respective ends of the upper and lower leg portions,

wherein the stopper portion is integrally molded with ~~has~~ a protrusion by molding the protrusion protruding from ~~[[on]]~~ part of an outer peripheral face thereof except front and back faces disposed ~~a side face~~ in the length direction of the fastener tape, and

wherein a bottom face of a welded end portion on a side of the fastener tape main body of the stopper portion is located at least on the same plane as the fastener tape main body or below a bottom face of the fastener tape main body.

Claims 2-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A slide fastener comprising:

a resin stopper portion provided adjacent to an end portion of fastener elements and welded to a fastener tape,

the stopper portion comprising an upper leg portion and a lower leg portion which sandwich a side edge of the fastener tape from above and below, and a bent portion which connects respective ends of the upper and lower leg portions,

wherein the stopper portion is integrally molded with ~~has a protrusion by~~ molding the protrusion protruding from ~~[[on]]~~ part of an outer peripheral face thereof except front and back faces disposed ~~a side face~~ in the length direction of the fastener tape, and

wherein the protrusion is formed on a surface of the bent portion of the stopper portion.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The slide fastener according to claim 7, wherein the protrusion is composed of a rib-like protrusion extended linearly in the length direction of the fastener tape, and formed on a vertex portion of the bent portion.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The slide fastener according to claim 7, wherein the protrusion is composed of a protrusion which is located on an outside end face of the bent portion and extended so as to be expanded in a curved shape in the length direction of the fastener tape.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A slide fastener comprising:
a resin stopper portion provided adjacent to an end portion of fastener elements and welded to a fastener tape,

the stopper portion comprising an upper leg portion and a lower leg portion which sandwich a side edge of the fastener tape from above and below, and a bent portion which connects respective ends of the upper and lower leg portions,

wherein the stopper portion is integrally molded with ~~has~~ a protrusion by molding the protrusion protruding from on part of an outer peripheral face thereof except a front and back faces disposed ~~side face~~ in the length direction of the fastener tape, and

wherein the protrusion is a rib-like protrusion protruded along a boundary between the bent portion of the stopper portion and a bottom face thereof.